

### AIMD first Change of Charge

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On Jan. 24, Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Detachment Sigonella conduct its first Change of Charge. On this date, Cmdr. Donald Patterson, native of Newport, Arkansas, replaces Cmdr. Michael Rivenbark as the new Officer-In-Charge of AIMD Sigonella. Today starts a new chapter for the Sailors of AIMD. Since Oct. 1, 2002, AIMD transitioned from being a department of NAS Sigonella, and has been realigned under Commander Fleet Air Mediterranean, becoming a tenant command of NAS Sigonella.

During preparations for the ceremony, AIMD Public Affairs Officer conducted interviews on both, arriving OIC, Cmdr. Patterson, and departing OIC, Cmdr. Rivenbark. Here is what they had to say.

**Interview with Outgoing AIMD Sigonella OIC, Cdr. Rivenbark:**

**How do you feel after completing this tour here at AIMD Sigonella? How would you rate this tour?**

[I] feel really good about the direction AIMD is going and the things we have done. It was a different kind of challenge that I appreciated and enjoyed very much. This was a very good group of people to work with and I really hate to go.

**What was the most remarkable experience you had while at AIMD Sigonella?**

Out of the many experiences we had during this tour the transition to becoming our own command was a very remarkable one on AIMD and myself. A non-Navy related experience while here in Sigonella that will always be remembered was the great display of power by Mt. Etna. Will never forget watching the eruptions at nighttime.

**Is there anything you would take with you when departing?**

Will take the memories, and the satisfaction of knowing that this organization provided the best support to every one who asked for it. People bent over backwards to ensure our customers were getting what they needed to accomplish the mission.

**How was the transition of going from a NAS Sigonella AIMD page 8**

### NASCAR Drives In!

By Lt. Steve Curry  
NASSIG DAD

On Jan. 30, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), American Forces Entertainment and American Forces Radio and Television Services (AFRTS) are hosting a tour of NASCAR drivers, owners and crew members here at NASSIG.

Joining the tour group will be Col. Harvey L. Barnum, USMC, a Medal of Honor recipient, who is currently serving as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Navy.

This is a great opportunity for NASSIG Sailors and families to meet the best drivers in the world.

Some of the drivers that will be present include Mike Wallace, Dan Green, Rick Crawford, Ernie Irwin, Chad Little, Brian Vickers, and Richard Petty. Some of the crew members that will be here at NASSIG include Chocolate Meyer, who worked for Dale Earnhardt for years, Jeffrey Hammond, and Larry Reynolds.

The purpose of the tour is to provide the group a broader understanding of the ongoing military missions and the role of ESGR, National Guard and Reserve members in total force military operations. Additionally, civic leaders visitations with National Guard and Reserve members will provide understanding of employer and family issues by deployed members of all Reserve Components.

The visit will provide civic leaders an understanding of military missions and employers' vital role to national security.

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### Hometown Weather

Conway, SC



High 44°F - Low 21°F  
Partly Cloudy



Photo by PH2 Damon J. Moritz

AFN recently installed a 2.5 meter (8.25') satellite dish. The new dish is larger and is mounted better than the previous one meter (3.3') dish and should be more stable in high winds. AFN hopes that the new dish will reduce down time on the system.

## AFRTS to offer new channels

By Army Lt. Col. Doug Smith  
HQ AFRTS

Television programmers at the American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS) Broadcast Center at March Air Force Base, California, are planning the addition of two new channels to the American Forces Network (AFN) television lineup, while overhauling one of the existing AFN channels. The newly created channels will be "AFN Family" and "AFN Movies".

The new channels will launch in December 2003.

AFN Family will be a destination for quality, contemporary family entertainment reflecting traditional values. AFN Family will offer a variety of programming appealing to all ages with particular attention given to ages two to 17.

AFN Movies will offer a variety of movies and specials with limited interruptions, complemented by programs that take the viewer

behind the scenes of the entertainment industry. The channel will primarily target ages 18 and up.

AFN Spectrum will have some of its children's and family programs migrate to AFN Family, replacing them with general interest programs from such channels as Discovery, The History Channel, and The Learning Channel.

A recently completed AFRTS audience survey confirmed a desire for more family-friendly programming and movies. Furthermore, advances in digital compression now allow AFRTS to add more channels to its existing satellite network, while improved and expanded cable and direct-to-home distribution brings all AFRTS services within reach of a broader audience. AFRTS is making this expansion to its AFN television services in time for the 2003 holiday season.

For more information, please contact Lt. Col. Doug Smith, HQ AFRTS, DSN 328-0245 or commercial 703.428.0245.

## U of M to further education opportunities

By AN Michelle Watkins  
Signature Staff

People join the Navy for many reasons and education is one of the primary driving forces for many Sailors joining and staying in the Navy.

The opportunities to further your education in the Navy are numerous. Sailors can do self-studies such as College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Defense Activity for Non Traditional Education Support (DANTES) or enroll through Navy College in their choice of courses.

Navy College in return helps pay for tuition and books by offering tuition assistance (TA), Montgomery GI bill (MGIB), and a vast array of scholarships.

Each year various scholarships are made available through the University of Maryland University College to help offset bills for both graduate and undergraduate studies.

Many scholarships may be used in addition to

either MGIB or TA.

UMUC is currently offering \$500 scholarships that can be used for tuition and books beginning with Term 4, which starts March 31.

There are three types of scholarships available. Each scholarship has different requirements. Students may apply for all scholarships for which they are eligible.

The UMUC President's Scholarship is the largest category of awards made available to students of all degree levels according to Jeff Pruitt, assistant director of the NASSIG Financial Aid Office.

Students must have completed 15 semester hours if they are undergraduates and nine as graduates.

The R. Ward Terrell Memorial Scholarship is open to family members of either active-duty military personnel or government employees who do not have access to tuition assistance.

Applicants must concentrate at the associate or

baccalaureate level of computer studies or foreign languages.

The third scholarship, the Ray Ehrensberger Endowed Scholarship, is for students who are pursuing a minor in international business management or a foreign language emphasis as part of a humanities major or minor.

All students must demonstrate a financial need and must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of student's academic record with Maryland and the essay that they submit addressing the scholarship's question.

All scholarship applicants with the exception of graduate students must have at least 15 semester hours completed at UMUC, while graduate students need at least nine semester hours at either University of Maryland College Park or Bowie State University.

Each essay will count for at least half of the basis for determining scholarship awards. Students

must submit their essay of a maximum length of 1,000 words along with a cover letter

To apply for a scholarship students:

1. must choose which scholarship(s) to apply for

2. submit a scholarship essay cover letter for each scholarship applied for

3. address the question or topic that goes with the scholarship in essay form

4. all essays must be typed, double spaced on 8 1/2 x 11 inch or European A4 size paper

5. scholarship essay cover letters and essays can either be faxed or sent via e-mail

Scholarships are not open to UMUC employees.

Scholarships that require demonstration of financial need will require a completed financial aid application along with the scholarship application.

Students can apply each scholarship toward Maryland courses or seminars throughout the

2002/03 academic year. However, scholarship funds may not be refunded under any circumstances.

Scholarship credits that are unused may not be carried past the academic year.

Once a scholarship is received, 100 percent of course work must be completed or the remaining unused portion will be cancelled.

"Students seem to shudder at the very mention of writing an essay... the requirement is not really that bad, there are no wrong answers," stated Pruitt.

Tips in writing the essays and helpful hints to address the essay topic, proofreading and proper format requirements are currently being provided by the Financial Aid Office.

Applicant may stop by UMUC or contact the Financial Aid Office at DSN line 370-6762 or e-mail edfso@ed.umuc.edu, for more information now.

The deadline for all Term 4 and 5 applications is Feb. 28.





# Direct Line

Capt. Tim Davison  
NASSIG  
Commanding Officer

A few years ago, Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark, came out with his Top Five. He had numerous officer calls in the Washington area and around the fleet to

discuss them and to make sure everyone was on the right page and to make sure everyone knew what he wanted to achieve. One of the CNO’s top five priorities is alignment.

Adm. Clark said, “This involves a couple of things. First, we must ensure that our organizations, systems, and processes are aligned to deliver exactly what they are designed to produce — a combat-capable Navy, ready to sail into harm’s way. Second, alignment involves clear communication, from the recruiter, to the LPO to the CO to the CNO. It’s about communicating realistic expectations and then helping Sailors accomplish realistic goals — in a word, credibility.”

Communicating with your chain of command is very important. We must utilize the chain in every facet of our lives here on base. How can we improve the way we do business if we do not solicit information from everyone in the chain? Our transformation will not only improve the way we do business but it will improve how we do business.

We must align ourselves to what our mission(s) are at NAS Sigonella. We provide consolidated operational, command and control, administrative, logistical and advanced logistical support to U.S. and other NATO forces. NAS Sigonella is the major support element for U.S. SIXTH Fleet Mediterranean. We are part of the Navy and Marine Corps team. This powerful team that has been together for over 225 years. We work side by side with our “green” counterparts daily to ensure a highly functional and operational fighting force. (Please take the time to go to the US Marine Corps Web site at www.usmc.mil and view the video clip, “Enduring Freedom—The Opening Chapter” at the bottom of the page.)

Together, the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Commandant of the Marine Corps lead the Navy/Marine Corps team. By forming this partnership, we are simply recognizing and participating in a relationship founded before the Declaration of Independence, at the very beginnings of what was to become the United States of America.

This past week, Gen. James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, relinquished his duties as the Corps’ top Marine a day prior to Gen. Michael W. Hagee, formerly the commander of 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Gen. James L. Jones headed for Europe to assume duties as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

We are aligned as the Navy – Marine Corps Team...the power of TEAMWORK!

## NASCAR front page



NASCAR driver Mike Wallace

rity/defense.

The ESGR points out that as the active military strength has been reduced, reliance on the National Guard and Reserve has increased.

President Bush has made it clear that the war on terror will proceed on many

fronts and sacrifices must be made. And nowhere are the sacrifices greater than those made by our Reservists.

They leave their civilian jobs, families, and communities to fight for the rights and liberties we cherish so deeply. ESGR volunteer committees are located in every state and the four territories.

They stand ready to resolve employer conflict and to educate employers and service members of their rights and responsibilities under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, commonly referred to as USERRA. Almost 50 percent of our total force consists of Guard and Reserve members.


The Department of Defense cannot sustain operations anywhere in the world today without calling on the National Guard and Reserve.

Some of the days events include:  
11:30 a.m. Pep Rally in Hanger 407 on NAS II (open)  
2:30 p.m. Autograph session at NAS I Commissary  
8 p.m. Autograph session at JOX Enlisted Club

So come out and rev your engines and see the best drivers in the world!



NASCAR driver Bill Lester



**SECURITY BLOTTER**

**CRIME STOPPER'S HOTLINE**  
624-6389  
Jan. 6 - Jan. 12

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

- Traffic accidents without injuries - 19
- Traffic accident with injuries - 2
- Car break-ins - 4
- DUI - 3
- DUI's 2003 - 6
- DUI's 2002 - 35

# Letter to the Editor

## Navy Spouse Appreciation Day

The sun is shining and my house is finally clean, should stay like this for a few hours with any luck. I’m sitting by the computer looking out my window, grass might need to get cut soon but it sure it’s nice to have a back yard. The T.V. provides the noise necessary to feel accompanied while the kids are taking a nap, there is a commercial thanking the support Navy spouses provide to the military. It makes me smile and feel important...yeee haaa the Navy acknowledges that we do sacrifice a here and there. But do they know how I feel about the Navy? Probably not, so I go to the kitchen to get a cup of coffee, cigarettes and an ashtray (nasty habit I know, I’ll quit soon, promise) and I come back to the computer to write this letter and let the Navy know exactly how I feel about it.

It’s not easy to write this letter for is not one but many people who conform this Military branch and it sounds just too corny to say “Navy... you complete me” but I’ll do my best so please bear with me. My feelings for the Navy are of gratitude for all that it provides my family and myself with. I know it’s easier to complain than to see the good things that we have but today since the Navy appreciates me, it’s fair to say that the feeling it’s mutual. I appreciate the fact that I can go work out and burn that cheeseburger that I eat over the weekend at the gym, it’s free, it has instructors and nice equipment... can it get better than that? Sure it can! I can go to the commissary and get most of what I need; Self-help provides the tools necessary to keep the yard neat (sure would be nice if they provided the husband willing to cut the grass! but that’s a letter to Dear Abby). I can go to base and feel energized by the shopping I can do at the new exchange, the only thing that cramps my style is when I have to rush my daughter to the restroom and it’s by the food court, you try telling a 4-year-old to hold it “we are almost there” but even with this minor set back I still feel appreciative of the effort that the Navy makes to improve and make more comfortable our stay here.

When night falls I can put my kids to bed and rest easy with the knowledge that no harm will come to us for there is always somebody on watch at the gate, rain or shine, holiday or not. When there are belly aches, fevers, check ups and vaccinations the hospital is always prompt to take care of us, the kindness that the staff had towards me when I had my son almost makes me forget the 20 hours of labor... (I said almost!) And let’s not forget the stickers that the kids get even if they weren’t all that cooperative. The Edis staff that has been nothing but wonderful to my son. The books and support that Family Services provides sure have been helpful.

I also appreciate the buses that pick my daughter up and take her to school and the teachers that do such a great job with her (this brought to you by the Navy). When my husband’s grandfather died Navy relief was quick and very helpful to get what my husband needed to go home. And when the need to see Wal-Mart (and family of course) was more than I could bear we got on a Mac flight!

I appreciate the fact that I can watch Oprah and most of my favorite shows thanks to AFN. I can go to the movies for free, take an ITT trip, go to the bowling alley, CDC parents night out. My husband won’t take me dancing for his life but it’s nice to know that when hell freezes over we can go to Live wire.


My respect and appreciation to the CO of the base, all the responsibility that he has on his shoulders and yet the times I have seen him on base he is quick to give a smile, I have two kids and most of the time I just have a crazed look about me.

I’m sure I’m forgetting more things but between what we are going to have for dinner and the basket of clean clothes giving me the evil eye for I have yet to fold

It it’s easy to forget.

All in all... this sure is Navy Spouse appreciation day for I, a spouse, sure appreciate the Navy. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,  
Frida Mauser



## Carseats installed the right way is the only way

# Values to keep in mind



By Chaplain  
Tim Moore  
Command Chaplain  
Honor ... Courage  
... Commitment ...

Relax this is not your Recruit Training Commander barking out the Navy Core Values again – just a dose of reality – open wide.

Too often we take these words as lofty goals or standards set by someone else instead of looking to them as a guide for our lives. We refer to them in the Navy as “Core Values.” Sadly too many of us begin trying to incorporate these values as we enter this institution. Kind of late in life don’t you think?

Better late than never, I say. Someone once said watch your thoughts, they become your words, watch your words, they become your actions, watch your actions for they become habits, watch your habits for they become your character, watch

### Article courtesy of USNH Sigonella

For the children we love, be smart and do the right thing. Leave the ingorance at home because carseats, seatbelts and helmets save lives!

Take mind with your passengers by following a few simple guidelines:

- Have children 20 pounds to one year facing the rear
- place belt straps at or below shoulders
- never place the child in front with airbag
- For children up to four years or 40lbs in a standard carseat.

- keep straps at or above shoulders
- Use booster seats for children under eight years old or under 80 pounds.
- securely fastened carseats should not be able to move more than one inch in any direction
- be sure to tighten straps firmly, and remove outer bulky clothing.
- the center buckle should be at armpit level.
- keep in mind that smoking in the car, even without the child present, increases childhood morbidity and the risk of ear infections, prolonged colds, and SIDS. For more info: www.nhtsa.gov.

The Sigonella Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are other avenues of leadership development.

The Metanoia Youth Group in the Chapel needs Godly men and women to lead our young people. Our children need adults they can look up to - why not get involved? A good time to start with any of these organizations is now. Good intentions will never get you or anyone else anywhere if you have no follow-through.

Remember, if what you are doing now won’t make a difference in five years, it probably doesn’t matter now. Making a positive difference in the life of someone by helping them to develop character, godly character or even “Core Values”, or even developing your own - now that’s a positive difference - and by the way - get involved today!

SDS Mentoring (Shiloh Cooper) - 624-3212; Boy Scouts (Lou Guarno) - 624-4685; Girl Scouts (Stacey Kelly) - 095-754-7226; Metanoia Youth (Staci Bain) – 624-4295.

**Counselor's Corner**

**Receiving Orders is only the beginning**

Once a member receives orders, the process has only begun. Various screenings, which needs immediate attention with interim messages from 10 to 15 days from the releasing date time group and 15 to 30 days for the final messages. You will also have to Obliserv, pack-out Household goods and POV, Arrivederci Sig are just to name a few. The flow of communications between members, Career Counselors, Chain of Command and PSD is a must to make your transmission as smooth as possible!

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# NAVY NEWS

## CNO, MCPON, Chief of Chaplains visit NSA Bahrain

By JO2(SW) Dennis J. Herring  
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**NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY BAHRAIN (NNS)** — Sailors and Marines stationed at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain recently spent time with three of the Navy's top leaders.

While on a tour of the 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/AW) Terry Scott and Chief of Navy Chaplains Rear Adm. Barry Black spoke to an all hands gathering in the "Main Street Park" of NSA Bahrain.

Scott, who spoke first, said it was good to be back in Bahrain, where he was stationed as Force Master Chief prior to becoming MCPON.

"When the plane landed, it felt like being home again," said Scott. "It is good to be back here, where to be quite honest, there is not a Sailor or a Soldier or an Airman or a Marine or a Coast Guardsman that has any doubt about what it is they are supposed to be doing over here."

Scott said some sacrifices are made by those stationed in Bahrain, because there are not all the comforts and luxuries of living at home.

"The work we do over here is what guarantees those comforts, those freedoms and those liberties for all the folks back home," he said. "Do not underestimate the size and the magnitude of the contribution you all are making."

Clark said he came halfway around the world to tell everyone he appreciated what they are doing for America.

"The citizens of the United States of America are watching what you are doing, and they are proud of

what you are doing," Clark said.

Clark talked to the audience about the state of today's Navy. He said the Navy's retention has been at its highest level ever for the last two years.

The CNO said retention is at such a good level that aircraft carrier battle groups are deploying today totally manned.

"Great leaders made it happen," Clark said. "Great leaders are providing great leadership to men and women who are committed, dedicated to accomplishing the mission, care about what they are doing, and believe in the principles and values we hold dear in the United States."

"It is a proud time to serve," Clark told the audience. "Thank you for being a part of that group of people who have decided to wear the cloth of the nation. Know that the citizens of the United States are watching. They appreciate what we are doing, and they believe that what we are doing is important in this time of history."

Clark closed by saying, "I have never been more proud to wear this uniform, and the privilege to lead this Navy is the privilege of a lifetime."

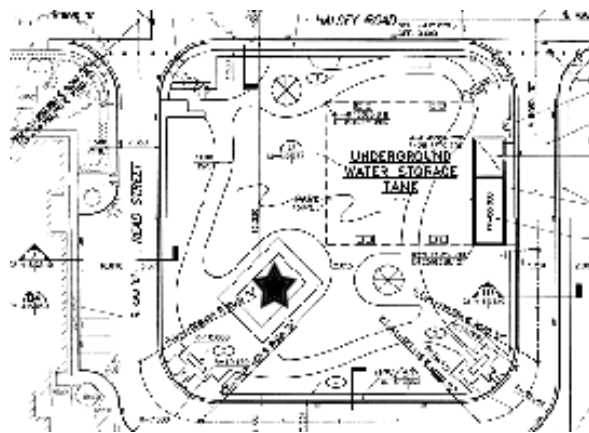
Clark finished the afternoon at NSA Bahrain taking questions from the audience, covering such topics as the Stop-Loss program, the CNO's reading list, Task Force EXCEL and Project SAIL.

For more on CNO, go to [www.navy.mil/cno](http://www.navy.mil/cno). For CNO news, visit his Newsstand page at [www.news.navy.mil/local/cno](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/cno).

For more on Chief of Chaplains, go to [www.chaplain.navy.mil](http://www.chaplain.navy.mil).

For more on MCPON, go to [www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/mcpon/mcponpg.html](http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/mcpon/mcponpg.html).

## Recap SIG CORNER



The new park and playground to the south of Halsey Road between the food court and the Stephen Decatur School and north of the new kindergarten-preschool, shown on the attached drawing, will be opening in March.

The landscaping of the park is being installed now and should be mature enough for play in March. The loop road that will be used by the school busses will be completed in February.

The loop road around the park will allow the school busses to safely accept and deliver children to and from the school in an area protected from traffic.

The new park and playground will provide a great place for our children to play and the bollards at the top of the loop road will exclude traffic from the area around the park when it is not used by the school busses.

## News Briefs

### Force Protection Schedule

There will be a Force Protection Exercise Jan. 29. The exercise is scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to noon. You may experience some delays when entering the base due to the heightened security measures that will be in place. This will be an exercise only and you should not be alarmed. Thank you for your support and patience in this manner.

### Comptroller Hours Change

Starting Feb. 5, the Comptroller Department's hours of operation will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, but on Wednesdays they will close early for training at 2 p.m. Emergencies will be handled on a case by case basis on Wednesday afternoons. To get more details, call 624-6483.

### Jeepsters Next Run

The next adventure will be held tomorrow, at 9 a.m. Meet at the Family Restaurant, located on SS 417 about half way to Mineo. Grab a quick snack before heading out on a three hour trail. They will start in the town of Ramacca and end up about five miles west of Caltagirone. Expect lots of fun. Anyone with a Jeep is invited. Barbecue afterwards in Mineo. Call 624-0375 for more information.

### Singled Out

Coming in February MWR will be hosting "Singled Out" yes the spin off of MTV's "Singled Out" at Live Wire on Feb. 7 with the replay on AFN on Feb. 14. Applications will be available for single Sailors ages 18 to 30 (male and female) and can be picked up at Take 5 and must be turned in by Feb. 3. DJ Sleepy will be playing the music while Angel Labron hosts the show.

### Technician Needed

U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella is looking for candidates in the local area who are qualified as pedical lab technician, medical technologist or phlebotomist. Call Mrs. Randazzo at 624-3792 or email [Arandazzo@sig.med.navy.mil](mailto:Arandazzo@sig.med.navy.mil).

### Hospital Nurses Needed

The U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella is soliciting for full and part-time personalized service contract for an emergency room registered nurse. Closing date is Feb. 23, sources must be eligible for U.S. employment and U.S. Board certified. Solicitation packages are available at the Supply Dept. purchasing office at NAS II. Call Mrs. Saladino at 624-5723 or Mrs. Randazzo at 624-3792.

## Safety warning for common household fire starters

Article courtesy of NASSIG Fire Department

Now that the weather is turning colder, many of Sigonella's residents living on the economy are bringing out their bombola and electric portable heaters to fight the chill.

Residents living in "block" Navy housing such as 205, Marinai, Paterno, Mineo, and Camporotondo, are reminded that portable space heaters are not authorized for use in those units because the government is paying the cost of central heat. In the event a fire caused by the use of an unauthorized heater, the resident will be financially liable for any resulting fire damage these heaters may cause.

Those residents living on the economy who are reliant on authorized "bombola" or electric portable heaters for heat should consider the following safety tips before using your heater.

- ◆ 1. Plug electric heaters directly to the wall outlet. Avoid extension cords or surge suppressors. Unplug the heater when not in use. Never connect a space heater to an automatic timer device.
- ◆ 2. A 220 volt hot water wheeled radiator type heater is highly recommended.
- ◆ 3. Keep all glowing element or gas flame heaters at least 36 inches away from any combustible.
- ◆ 4. Keep all spare bombola bottles outside.
- ◆ 5. Check your regulator, hose, clamps and bottle connections for leaks with a soapy solution. If any bubbles appear, make the proper adjustment!
- ◆ 6. All regulator hoses over five years old should be replaced.
- ◆ 7. Do not move bombola heaters when the flame is lit.
- ◆ 8. If you encounter a leaking bombola bottle, remove it to the outdoors until it's totally empty before attempting to return it to the dealer or supplier.
- ◆ 9. Ensure your gas detector is working properly.
- ◆ 10. Refer to your indoctrination class Fire Safety Handout or Housing Guide Manual for additional heater and other safety information.

**In case of emergencies call 911 or offbase 095-861911.**

## SESA rounds up more for committee chair

Article courtesy of SESA

The NAS Sigonella Enlisted Spouse Association (SESA) was founded in 2001 as a private organization under the guidelines established in NASSIG Instruction 5420.1.

SESA and its members have made contributions to the Sigonella community through the sponsorship of events to include dinner dances, home baked good drives, scholarship drives, and the Holiday Assistance Program.

The association also sponsors membership teas, holiday social events, coordinates shopping and travel outings and participates in the festivals that take place on base throughout the year.

In accordance with the association's approved by-laws membership in the SESA is open to spouses of all enlisted members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are on active duty.

Dues are \$24 annually

and prorated for those who join during the year. Membership in the SESA over time has run from as few as five to as many as 15 members.

Elected officers of the SESA are: *president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.*

These officers are elected for a term of one year. Elections take place each January.

Standing committee chairmen are also used in the SESA. Chairmen include: *hospitality and membership, publicity and liaison, newsletter, activities, fund raising, and historian.*

The SESA Advisory Council is comprised of the spouse of the NASSIG commanding officer, Mrs. Gretchen Davison, the spouse of the NASSIG executive officer, Mrs. Patricia Bitar, and the spouse of the NASSIG command master chief Mrs. Dawn Evangelista.

The Association's Executive Board consists of the elected officers of the SESA and the members of

the Advisory Council.

On Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 10 a.m., a meeting of all members in good standing and those interested in finding out more about joining the SESA will take place at the Golden Anchor on NAS 1.

At the January gathering, a more in depth presentation on SESA will be given, including a budget report.

Also, information on upcoming elections will be distributed, and a plan for the first several months of next year will be roughed out.

Expect elections to take place at the earliest opportunity in February 2003.

Please disseminate this information to all spouses in your area of influence. Our goal is to educate on the SESA and encourage active participation. This is a great association.

Call for more information, Dawn Evangelista 095-791-3114, 329-005-0650 or e-mail [evange listas@virgilio.it](mailto:evange listas@virgilio.it).

## Overseas car conversion can prove costly

By Robert Szostek  
USEUCOM Customs PAO

**Mannheim, Germany** — Americans in Europe must beware of foreign car dealers who claim they can convert cars to U.S. standards.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) only accept work done and warranted by licensed companies in the United States.

They do not accept the work of individuals or overseas companies. Fines, extra bonds and storage fees will ensue if you try to import a vehicle "converted" overseas and you will probably lose the money you paid for the work.

U.S. Customs perform a computer check of the vehicle identification number to detect false conversions. It is nearly always cheaper for personnel to sell a foreign-specification car abroad and buy a replacement stateside. "Shipping, paperwork, and conversions cost

at least \$6,500, and up to \$25,000 for exotic cars," said Michael L. Burkert, director of the U.S. European Command's Customs Executive Agency.

"It is tempting to save some expense by doing work here in Europe," he added. "But car shippers must realize that overseas conversions are not licensed by U.S. agencies."

DOT work must also be warranted for eight years and for a \$2,000 parts defect. Emissions conversions must be warranted for 50,000 miles or five years, whichever comes first. Burkert explained that used vehicles rebuilt by the original manufacturer to U.S. specifications can be imported with the proper documents.

Under EPA regulations, nonconforming vehicles less than 21-years-old may only enter the United States through an independent commercial importer. These vehicles must be tested and adapted to the emission

standards in effect at the time of production.

Vehicles that are 21-years-old or older do not require tests or conversions. DOT requires shippers of nonconforming vehicles to sign a contract with a registered importer who must certify in advance that the model is convertible to U.S. safety standards. The owner must also post a bond for one and a half times the vehicle's dutiable value.

"Vehicles over 25 years old do not need conversion to U.S. safety, bumper and theft prevention standards," Burkert added.

Get the "Importing a Car" pamphlet from a military customs office for more information on shipping foreign vehicles. Or consult the military customs Web site at [www.hqsareur.army.mil/opm/cars.htm](http://www.hqsareur.army.mil/opm/cars.htm). NASSIG Military Customs is located in Personal Property building telephone number 624-6187.



SUNDAY		MONAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
<div>COMMUNITY CALENDAR</div>										24 January	Teacher work day no school  AIMD Change of Charge at 10 a.m.	25	Paintball depart Take 5 10 a.m. 624-5187
26	Cooking class and Sicilian Garden tour Call ITT. 624-4396	27	SpecialAdditions 1 to 3 p.m. at Community Bldg.	28	First Termer Success Workshop 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Retention Center 624-5587	29	Chinese dine-out Call Liberty 624-5187	30	Staff Meeting for those interested in becoming a NMCR volunteer 624-4212	31	Parent Teacher Conference Elementary school only	1 February	Annual Aerobathon 9 a.m. to noon Activity Zone 624-3873
2	NASSIG Chapel Services See page 9 for details	3	Housing Office New Operating Hours Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	4	St. Agata Festival Call ITT. 624-4396	5	Alcoholics Anonymous Every Mon., Wed. Fri. 5 p.m. Community Building room 203	6	NEX New hours of operation Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	7	Catania by Night Adults only with ITT. 624-4396	8	NAS II 7-day hours are Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays. Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
9		10	Alcoholic Anonymous Every Mon., Wed., Fri. 5 p.m. Community Building room 203	11	Boys and Girls of America Torch Club 4 to 5 p.m. Ages 10-12	12	Protestant Bible Study 4:45 p.m. NAS II Chapel 624-4295	13	ACT Exam Navy Campus 7:45 a.m. 624-2519	14	TSC Change of Charge 10 a.m. NAS II Gym	15	Commissary Hours 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
16		17	Washington's Birthday	18	Alcoholics Anonymous Every Tuesday 7 p.m. Community Building room 203	19	Protestant Bible Study 4:45 p.m. NAS II Chapel 624-4295	20		21		22	



By Alberto Lunetta  
Signature Staff

# Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle



Under the breathtaking backdrop of Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, one of the most important archeological sites in the world and a UNESCO world heritage site, the 58<sup>th</sup> edition of the Almond Blossom Festival will be held from Feb. 1 through 9.

During the Sagra (Festival), folklore groups from all over around the world will showcase their heritage through traditional dance, music, and costumes.

### Agrigento celebrates Almond Blossom Festival

An ancient and tragic Greek legend describes the origin of the early almond blossom in the enchanting Agrigento Valle dei Templi or Valley of the Temples.

One myth tells the story of a beautiful Greek princess named Phyllis, who fell in love with king Demophoon, the son of Theseus. As Greeks prepared to fight at Troy, Demophoon was obliged to sail for Athens but promised to return soon.

With the Trojan war lasting several years, Phyllis convinced herself that she would never see her lover again and consequently died of grief. Thus, the Gods, touched by her love, transformed her into a barren almond tree.

When Demophoon returned he was told the fate of Phyllis. It was too late. He would never again see his beloved princess.

Demophoon became desperate and grieved for her for hours at the beach where they used to meet.

There he found the almond tree, standing alone. Disheartened and mourning, he clinched it. Suddenly, the tree burst into leaves and perfumed flowers.

According to mythology, that is how almonds became a symbol of undying love, rebirth and beauty.

Yet, almond trees are the first tree to bare flowers after the winter season. In Sicily, spring starts in February when almond trees in full bloom, blanket the countryside in the Agrigento Valley of the Temples, enchanting visitors with delicate pastel colors of pink and white.

Every year, Agrigento celebrates the beauty of this ancient tree through a spectacular International Folklore Festival that runs from Feb. 1

to 9.

Under the amazing backdrop of the eternal Greek temples and the historic center, folklore groups from around the world will showcase their heritage through traditional dance, music, and costumes.

The first Sagra (Festival) was held in 1934, in a nearby small town called Naro, when Alfonso Gaetani, a local noble, organized a country fair to promote local community produce.

Celebrations included parades of horse carts and poetry-reading contests. After a couple of years, Gaetani decided to move the festival to Agrigento so that the event would be advertised better throughout Sicily. In 1940, the festival was canceled because of WWII. It started up again in 1948.

Over the years, the festival has become internationally popular as folklore groups from all over the world come to Agrigento to perform.

During the festival, city balconies and windows will be decorated with colored flowers.

### Festival Schedule

Here are some of the must-see events.

On Feb. 2 at 9:30 a.m., Sicilian and international children folklore groups will parade in piazza Municipio, the main square.

Spectacular international folklore shows will be held in piazza Cavour and piazza Pirandello, on Feb. 5 through 8 at 11 a.m.

On Feb. 5, in the afternoon, a "Friendship Torchlight Procession" will leave from Piazza Municipio at 5 p.m.

The festival ends on Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. with a grandiose show at the Temple of Hercules, the oldest temple among the magnificent Doric works of art overlooking the ancient town.

Tickets are required at some events. For more information, detailed schedule and tickets call Agrigento Box Office at 0922-20500.

### Images from ground Zero on display in Caltagirone

A poignant exhibition of pictures by the award-winning American photographer Joel Meyerowitz are currently displayed at the Corte Capitaniale, an historic building located near the Caltagirone main square.

A few hours after Sep. 11, the Museum of the City of New York tasked Meyerowitz to create an archive of the destruction and recovery at Ground Zero and the immediate neighborhood. Therefore, he is the only "official" photographer to have been granted unimpeded access to the collapsed site of the Twin Towers since Sept. 13, 2001.

This evocative exhibition also features pictures from other American cities such as Atlanta, New York, Saint Louis and Saint Petersburg in Russia.

"Alone in there as the 'resident' eye, I too became part of the band who came to heal the wound. My task was to record the aftermath: the awesome spectacle of destruction, the reverence for the dead, the steadfast, painstaking effort of recovery, and the daily lives of those in The Zone whose act of salvation has embedded itself deeply into the consciousness of us all," said Meyerowitz after he took those pictures.

Meyerowitz was born in New York in 1938, and has been widely exhibited across the world. A Guggenheim fellow and a recipient of both NEA and NEH Awards, his work in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art, New York and in public and private collections across America and abroad.

The exhibition will be open through Feb. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. admission is free.



# Word Find Battles

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## TRIVIA

Where were the first Pan American Games held in 1951?  
Which artist spent the most time on the chart from 1985 to 1987?  
Minneapolis is one half of the Twin Cities, what is the other half?  
In what year did Marilyn Monroe die?  
Who was the Secretary of State under John F. Kennedy?  
(Answers on page 9)

## Movie Connection

MWR's Theater Schedule

### Friday, Jan. 24



5:30 p.m.  
*The Emperor's Club* (PG-13)



8 p.m.  
*Empire* (R) \*\*



10 p.m.  
*Analyze That* (R)

### Saturday, Jan. 25



11 a.m.  
*Spirited Away* (PG)



2 p.m.  
*The Santa Clause 2* (G) \*



4:30 p.m.  
*Extreme Ops* (PG-13)



7 p.m.  
*Antwone Fisher* (PG-13)



9:30 p.m.  
*Friday After Next* (R)

### Sunday, Jan. 26



1 p.m.  
*Chamber of Secrets* (PG)



3:30 p.m.  
*8 Crazy Nights* (PG-13) \*\*



6 p.m.  
*The Two Towers* (PG-13)

### Monday, Jan. 27



5:30 p.m.  
*Punch Drunk Love* (R) \*



8 p.m.  
*Analyze That* (R)

### Tuesday, Jan. 28



5:30 p.m.  
*The Two Towers* (PG-13)



9 p.m.  
*8 Crazy Nights* (PG-13)

### Wednesday, Jan. 29



5:30 p.m.  
*Spirited Away* (PG) \*



8 p.m.  
*8 Mile* (R)

### Thursday, Jan. 30



5:30 p.m.  
*Antwone Fisher* (PG-13)



8 p.m.  
*The Two Towers* (PG-13)

### Friday, Jan. 31



5:30 p.m.  
*Extreme Ops* (PG-13)



8 p.m.  
*Die Another Day* (PG-13)



10:30 p.m.  
*Friday After Next* (R)

\*\*\* Future Re-release \*\*Sneak Preview \*Last Showing

(All times and movies are subject to change. For more information on the schedule, call the movie hotline at

## Shout

DoDDs students talk about what's happening in the community

### School Tips, find ways you can help

**One-on-one Mentoring:** This is the largest facet of the program. Adult volunteers are matched with students' based on their interests to form a compatible relationship. One-on-one mentoring requires a minimum of one hour a week and can take place at any time during the workweek or weekend. You can work together on homework or have fun.

**After School Activities Instructor:** If you have a special talent that you would like to share with our students, you can become an after school activities instructor. After school activities are generally one to three days a week between the three and five o'clock hour. In the past, we have offered sewing, cooking, electronics, drama, Junior Master Gardeners, pep club, etc. just to give you an idea.

**Formal Tutorials:** Those individuals who are strong in math, English, history, science, Spanish, etc. can lead a tutor group. Tutor groups meet Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Stephen Decatur School Library.

**Coaching or Officiating:** Middle school intramural sports can be a great way to get involved. Depending on the availability of facilities, practice will be two to three days a week from 3 to 5 p.m. Games are generally on Mondays and/or Fridays beginning at 3 p.m. The following sports are offered: Fall season-flag football, volleyball, and soccer; Winter season-basketball; Spring season-softball and tennis. Middle school sports are coed and offered to students' grades 6 to 8.

**Assistant Coaching:** Another opportunity that is available to sports enthusiasts is assistant coaching for high school sports. High school practices are five days a week from 3 to 5 p.m. Games are generally on Friday and Saturday afternoons. The following sports are offered: Fall season-tackle football, boys/girls volleyball, and cross-country; Winter season-boys/girls basketball and wrestling; Spring season-soccer, track and field, and tennis.

**Lunchtime Recess Sports Supervisor:** For those of you who have limited time available to volunteer can take a half hour during lunch a couple times a week to supervise lunchtime recess sports. Students are outside from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Due to the physical activities students are participating in (i.e. tackle football, etc.), we are seeing many injuries. Lunch monitors need support.

All services are offered to students' grades six to 12. For more information, contact Shiloh Cooper, Mentoring Program Manager. E-mail: shiloh\_cooper@eu.odedodea.edu or call 624-3212.

### PTSA gives thanks to volunteers

Thank You!

The Stephen Decatur PTSA would like to thank all the parents, active duty personnel, spouses and students who volunteered to make the PTSA *Jingle All The Way Walk-a-Thon* a huge success! The students raised \$6,500.

Classes that collected \$250 or more earned an Ice Cream Social. The recipients were Roberts in first, Henke second, Lewy and Robertshaw in third, Nania fourth and Brickley and Zyskowski for fifth. Congratulations!

Classes that collected the most money for their grade category earned Bowling Coupons. The recipients were Robertsin first, Lewy in second and third and Zyskowski taking forth and fifth. Bull placed sixth in the seminar for Middle School. Have fun bowling!

Individual students who collected the most money were as follows: **Jacob Hutchings**, Zyskowski, fifth, collected \$417 and was awarded a \$50 gift certificate to the NEX.

**Eboneigh Harris**, Bull sixth seminar, collected \$220.60 and was awarded a \$25 gift certificate to the NEX.

**Courtney Mauro**, Lewy second, collected \$152.50 and was awarded a \$20 gift certificate to the NEX.

The PTSA appreciates the enthusiastic support it received on the *Walk-a-Thon*!

### JROTC assist Brownie scouts in latest COMREL



Photo by Lt. Steve Curry

Members of Brownie Troop 29 and the DoDDS Stephen Decatur School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) hold colors before school began. As part of the ongoing community participation program that the Brownies do on base, they wanted to be a part of the early morning tradition at the school.

### Fri., Jan. 24

**Bowl and Hot Dog Lunch** at Tenpins. Come join the Blast staff, no cost. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Mineo Teen Dance and Lock-In.** Permission slips required. Enjoy a night of dancing, games, prizes, food and fun. Small fee attached also.

### Sat., Jan. 25

**Preteen State Trivia Contest.** In Mineo, pre-teens can test their knowledge of state information. First and second prizes awarded.

**Paintball** trip with Liberty. The costs gets you all the equipment you'll need plus 300 paintballs. Bring extra Euro if you're trigger happy. The trip leaves at 10 a.m.

Go fish! Join AU for a **day of fishing** off the rocks or beach, weather determines the location. But nothing stops the trip. BBQ included.

**Photo Safari Castle Tour** from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. See some of the most ancient castles in Sicily. Small fee attached, sign up at AU

ITT trip to **Palermo**. Tour the city of Palermo, the capital of Sicily. visit the Catacombs, Martorana Church and Paldine Cahapel.

### Sun., Jan. 26

**Cooking Class** and Garden tour with ITT. Learn how to cook Sicilian cuisine in the traditional setting of the Trinita Agrituristica Farm in Mascalucia. From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Mon., Jan. 27

Lunchtime Pool tournament at Take-5 starting at 11:30. Play to win!

### Wed., Jan. 29

Dinner with Liberty, **Chinese Dine-Out**. Leave at 7:30 p.m. for the trip and bring a little Euro for something extra. Space available for only 13 people, sign up early.

### Thurs., Jan. 30

**Chinese New Year** at Take 5. Come in for the free fortune cookies while supplies last.

**Lentini Market shopping** trip with ITT. Leaves at 8 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m.

For information on community events call MWR at 624-5271.

AIMD front page

Department Head position to becoming the Officer In Charge of a now separate command?

It is a complete new level of responsibilities. I am in the driver’s seat now, having total responsibility for taking care of the people. Making sure the job is done while keeping good morale and taking care of our people’s families. This was always part of my job, but now I have a greater role in doing this.

How did AIMD becoming a tenant command affect our mission in the theater?

The flow of information and support directly to the war fighter is a more streamlined process. There are less steps and shore facilities stops to go thru when taking care of the fleet and the mission.

Any words you would like to leave with the men and women of AIMD?

You can be all that you want to be. You can go as far as you want to go. Take advantage of the things available to you. Set your goals and review them often and make the proper adjustments. Plan your career moves wisely whether staying in or leaving the Navy. AIMD, keep on doing what you do best.

What were some of the challenges you found when arriving here?

Finding a house and getting settled in was a big challenge for my wife and I three years ago. Getting acclimated to the area and getting to know the people was challenging but also enjoyable. Now with the new base housing areas getting completed, this problem should be solved.

Can you mention some of the accomplishments or milestones reached by AIMD during your tour?

Becoming our own command is definitely an accomplishment. We have coordinated or directed some of the major fundraisers for the base. Our people headed the Voting Assistance Program last year in a very successful manner. We also were awarded the 2001 Commander Naval Forces Europe Golden Anchor Award for retention efforts. In addition to that, AIMD had some phenomenal gains on production output as well; there was an 89 percent reduction of our backlog and a 72 percent reduction of Due-In-For-Maintenance report. It was a productive tour.

Is there anything you would like to add?

I am happy to have taken the set of orders here. I enjoyed working with a truly professional group of people. My wife and I had a wonderful time, and had the opportunity to do a little exploring of Europe. This is one place that we will stop by sometime again to visit for sure.

Interview with Incoming OIC, Cmdr. Patterson: How do you feel about coming here to AIIMD Sigonella?

I always wanted to come overseas, and so did my wife. When it was time to get orders, it was Mrs. Patterson who picked Sigonella from the list. It looks like a great place to be and enjoy.

What do you think so far of Sigonella?

I am happy about the developments going on around the base. I’m also glad to see the efforts the base puts towards families and dependants; people are our greatest asset. We are getting to meet some of the locals, and have to say that they are very friendly. I realize how important Sigonella is for the mission, and the fleet knows that. When aboard the [USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74)], I had the opportunity to pass by here before, and it was a relief knowing that NAS Sigonella was standing by to support us if we needed something.

What were some of your accomplishments during your previous tours?

Learning to care about people. Like I mentioned before, our biggest asset is our people, so I try to improve on people programs. We have a very important mission and every person counts. I believed in training our people and making them knowledgeable and trying to make them happy.

What do you expect to accomplish while here at AIMD Sigonella?

I would like to see us keep the good reputation that we have about supporting the fleet. We can always get better, I’ll look forward to improve the room for more growth and build on what is already established.

Out of all Navy programs you support, which one do you put more emphasis on?

The advancement and education programs. This develops well-rounded Sailors who will be able to take better care of the mission. While keeping mission as our number one responsibility, spreading the knowledge of the different career programs is also very important to me. Myself for example, started as an E-1 and now I’m a Commander, somebody pointed me in the right direction and I took advantage of that.

Looking back through your career, could you tell us one of your most memorable or remarkable experiences?

I definitely have to say, when I put on Petty Officer Second Class. I enjoyed working on the equipment and the first opportunity of making decisions and taking care of people. It was a very memorable period of my career.

Any words for the men and women of AIMD Sigonella?

AIMD is doing a good job taking care of the mission at hand. Lets stay focused. Keep in mind; mission first, but we also need to find time to enjoy ourselves.

Fair winds and following seas to Cmdr. Rivenbark from the men and women of AIMD Sigonella.



NAS Sigonella Worship Opportunities

Catholic Mass  
Saturday 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS II)  
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)  
Sunday 9 a.m. in Italian 41<sup>st</sup> Stormo Chapel (NAS II)  
Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)

Protestant Worship  
Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)  
Sunday 11 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)  
Sunday 6 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Latter Day Saints  
Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Church of Christ  
Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Weekdays  
Daily Catholic Mass 11:30 a.m. (NAS I & II Chapels)  
Wednesday Protestant Bible Study 4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel)  
For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-2947.

Trivia Answers

1) Argentina 2) Madonna 3) St. Paul 4) 1962 5) Dean Rusk